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Repairs to the Payyanur-Pallichal road in North Malabar.

* 815 *Q.*—Sri K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) when the Payyanur-Pallichal road in North Malabar was last repaired;

(*b*) the expenditure incurred on the same; and

(*c*) the present condition of the road?

The Hon. Sri S. S. RAMASWAMI PADAYACHI :—" (*a*) The correct name of the road is ' Payyanur-Padiotchal ' road. Necessary repairs to the road have been carried out in 1953–54.

" (*b*) The expenditure for the year 1953–54 is Rs. 17,950.

" (*c*) The present condition is reported to be good."

Sri K. P. GOPALAN :—" In view of the fact that this is the only main road by which the pepper gardens in the place could be reached and in view of the fact that the road is in a very bad condition and some bridges have also been reported to have been destroyed, will the Hon. Minister consider the desirability of handing over this road to the Highways department? "

The Hon. Sri S. S. RAMASWAMI PADAYACHI :—" Already part of the road belongs to the Highways department and the other part to the District Board. If the hon. Member desires that we should hand over the whole road to the Highways department, we shall consider that suggestion."

Relief works in Nattika firka, Ponnani taluk, Malabar.

* 816 *Q.*—Sri P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received an amount of Rs. 9,000 from the Malayalee Associations in Ceylon through the High Commissioner for India in Ceylon, earmarked for relief works in Nattika firka of Ponnani taluk, Malabar district; and

(*b*) if so, how the Government propose to utilize the amount?

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (*a*) Yes.

" (*b*) The amount was sent to the Collector of Malabar and he was asked to submit proposals for spending the amount in the Nattika firka towards the relief of the people therein. The Collector has reported that he proposes to spend the amount for the improvement of the coir industry which is the main occupation of the people of Nattika firka and that he has called for a report from the Deputy Registrar of Co-operative Societies (South), Kozhikode, in this connection. The Collector has promised to submit his report to the Government soon."